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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: F-104 Aircraft

REFERENCE: Memorandum from DDCI to DD/R;  
dated 12 April 1963 (ER 63-3022)

1. In response to your memorandum of 12 April reference specially modified F-104 aircraft, I feel that the particular characteristics of this aircraft would not contribute measurably to the intelligence gathering function of the Agency with the possible exception of specially configured flights over Cuba.

2. Such an aircraft might contribute measurably to the test and development programs which are of major interest in such items as pressure suits, ejection systems, parachutes, and photographic techniques.

  
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Deputy Director  
(Research)

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DDR: 11 May  
I am now informed that the later version of this aircraft will reach an altitude of 200,000 feet — seems to me if we know when an event might occur, within a very short period such as a count-down, we might be able to get into proper position with this aircraft — or wasn't my original paragraph 3 clear?

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